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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR
GREECE AND TURKEY

1. FOLLOWING MARCH 23 MEETING BETWEEN TURKISH FINANCE
MINISTER MUEZZINOGLU AND COUNSELOR NIMETZ, TURKISH AMBASSADOR
ESENBEL ASKED NIMETZ IF HE COULD CONFIRM CURRENT SCHEDULE
FOR HEARING ON TURKEY AND GREECE BEFORE HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST. ESENBEL SAID HE WISHED TO INFORM
ANKARA AND HAD RECEIVED CONFLICTING INFORMATION.

2. DEPTOFF INFORMED ESENBEL EVENING MARCH 23 THAT DATE FOR
HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST TO CONSIDER
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FY79 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR GREECE AND TURKEY HAD
NOT BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
HAMILTON LEFT WASHINGTON FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL. WE ANTICIPATE
THAT DATE WILL FINALLY BE DETERMINED ONLY WHEN HAMILTON
RETURNS. HEARINGS WILL PROBABLY BEGIN ON APRIL 6, BUT
THERE WAS POSSIBILITY THAT FIRST DAY OF HEARINGS COULD BE
APRIL 7. IN ANY EVENT, HEARINGS WOULD MOST LIKELY TAKE

MORE THAN ONE DAY THUS EXTENDING INTO WEEK OF APRIL 10. VANCE

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